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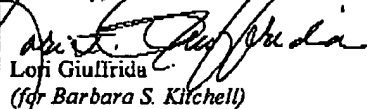
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Dear Examiner Helmer,

Please find attached our reply (Amendment/Extension of Time) in response to Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2004 and an Advisory Action mailed April 1, 2005.

Please feel free to contact me at (203) 353-6848 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir,

This paper is filed subsequent to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2004 and further to an Advisory Action mailed April 1, 2005.

A request for a two-month extension of time is requested. This will bring the due date to May 29, 2005 which is within the 6-month statutory period for response.

The Commisisoner is authorized to deduct the appropriate fee from Edwards & Angell Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this document.